

IMPAIRMENT RATING EXAM AND REPORT BY ATTENDING PROVIDER (AP) AND CONSULTANTS

Qualified attending providers may rate impairment of their own patients per WAC 296-20-2010. See table below to determine if you are qualified to provide this service.

Which providers may rate impairment?

Provider Type - Currently licensed in	Able to rate impairment as AP or consultant?
Medicine and surgery	Yes
Osteopathic medicine and surgery	Yes
Podiatric medicine and surgery	Yes
Dentistry	Yes
Chiropractic	Yes, if L&I approved IME examiner
Naturopathy	No
Optometry	No
Physicians' Assistant	No
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNP), including Psychiatric ARNPs	No

Providers may only give ratings for areas of the body or conditions within their scopes of practice.

- Psychologists may not be an attending provider (except for Crime Victim's claims) and may not rate impairment for injured workers or victims of crime.
- Chiropractors performing impairment ratings must be on L&I's list of approved IME examiners.

Prior authorization is only required when:

- A Psychiatric impairment rating is needed.
- An IME is scheduled.
 - For State Fund claims, use our secure, online Claim & Account Center to see if an IME is scheduled. To set up an account go to www.Claiminfo.Lni.wa.gov.
 - For Self-Insured claims, contact the self-insured employer (SIE) or their third party administrator (TPA). For a list of SIE/TPAs, go to: <http://www.Lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/Insurance/SelfInsure/EmpList/FindEmps/Default.asp>
 - For Crime Victims claims call 1-800-762-3716.